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Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The previous recommendation made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under agenda item 132 is set out in the report of the Committee contained in document A/69/422.

2. The Fifth Committee resumed its consideration of the item at its 4th, 5th, 6th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 16th, 17th, 19th, and 21st to 25th, and resumed 27th meetings, on 9, 14, 16 and 30 October, 6, 10, 14, and 21 November and 1, 10, 15 to 18 and 29 December 2014. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/69/SR.4-6, 9, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 21-25 and 27/Add.1).

3. Section II of the present report contains a summary of the recommendations made by the Fifth Committee during the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly on the revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General and on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly, either on the recommendation of its Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary meeting.

4. Section III contains a summary of the questions, in particular those relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, considered by the Fifth Committee that led to the adoption of specific decisions to be recommended for adoption by the General Assembly.

5. Section IV contains the recommendations of the Fifth Committee.

II. Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

6. In its resolutions 68/248 A to C, the General Assembly approved budget appropriations for the biennium 2014-2015 in the amount of $5,530,349,800 and

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income estimates in the amount of $523,145,000. By its resolutions 68/247 B, 68/268 and 68/279, the Assembly approved the amount of $8,201,600 and additional income estimates in the amount of $780,200.

7. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee during the current session of the General Assembly on revised estimates submitted by the Secretary-General, as well as on the programme budget implications of resolutions adopted by the Assembly under items considered by other Main Committees or in respect of items considered in plenary meeting, have resulted in a net increase in the approved level of appropriations in the amount of $115,271,900 and a net increase in the approved income estimates in the amount of $11,320,700.

8. The revised estimates of expenditure and income approved by the Fifth Committee and the financial implications of resolutions recommended by other Main Committees and subsequently by the General Assembly are indicated, by expenditure and income section, in the following table:

Section	*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B[a]*	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
	(United States dollars)		
Regular budget			
1. Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	117 599 800		
(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(759 900)	
(b) Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/69/227, A/69/519)		2 413 400	
(c) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(24 000)	
Total	**117 599 800**	**1 629 500**	**119 229 300**
2. General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	664 211 700		
(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		4 213 600	
(b) Programme budget implications: programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent (A/C.5/69/4, A/69/551, resolution 69/16)		196 000	
(c) Revised estimates resulting from the requests contained in the General Assembly resolution 69/2, entitled "Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as World Conference on Indigenous Peoples" (A/69/521, A/69/657)		101 800	
(d) Revised estimates from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions (A/69/615, A/69/670)		3 308 700	
(e) Programme budget implications: modalities for the implementation of resolution 68/304, entitled "Towards the establishment of a multilateral legal framework for sovereign debt restructuring processes" (A/C.5/69/13, A/69/658)		251 900	
(f) Programme budget implications: Oceans and law of the sea (A/C.5/69/12, A/69/656)		161 800	

Section		Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
			(United States dollars)	
	(g) Programme budget implications: investigation into the conditions and circumstances resulting in the tragic death of Dag Hammarskjöld and of the members of the party accompanying him (A/C.5/69/14, A/69/669)		50 900	
	(h) Programme budget implications: organization of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and dates for the meetings of the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda (A/C.5/69/15)		1 108 800	
	(i) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(95 000)	
	Total	**664 211 700**	**9 298 500**	**673 510 200**
3.	Political affairs	1 197 957 200		
	(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		3 201 200	
	(b) Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or Security Council (A/69/363 and Corr.1-3, A/69/363/Add.1-5, A/69/628)		31 501 300	
	Total	**1 197 957 200**	**34 702 500**	**1 232 659 700**
4.	Disarmament	24 729 600		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		650 100	
	Total	**24 729 600**	**650 100**	**25 379 700**
5.	Peacekeeping operations	113 454 400		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(498 200)	
	Total	**113 454 400**	**(498 200)**	**112 956 200**
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	8 160 600		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(1 000)	
	Total	**8 160 600**	**(1 000)**	**8 159 600**
7.	International Court of Justice	52 344 800		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(941 700)	
	Total	**52 344 800**	**(941 700)**	**51 403 100**
8.	Legal affairs	47 809 200		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		177 700	
	Total	**47 809 200**	**177 700**	**47 986 900**

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*[a]	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
9.	Economic and social affairs	163 049 600		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		739 400	
	Total	**163 049 600**	**739 400**	**163 789 000**
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	11 579 100		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		–	
	Total	**11 579 100**	**–**	**11 579 100**
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	17 000 300		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		10 100	
	Total	**17 000 300**	**10 100**	**17 010 400**
12.	Trade and development	147 132 500		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		782 800	
	Total	**147 132 500**	**782 800**	**147 915 300**
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	39 913 900		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(459 000)	
	Total	**39 913 900**	**(459 000)**	**39 454 900**
14.	Environment	34 963 500		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(452 800)	
	Total	**34 963 500**	**(452 800)**	**34 510 700**
15.	Human settlements	23 260 700		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(130 400)	
	Total	**23 260 700**	**(130 400)**	**23 130 300**
16.	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	43 883 000		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		55 300	
	Total	**43 883 000**	**55 300**	**43 938 300**

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		(United States dollars)		
17.	UN-Women	15 328 500		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		28 000	
	Total	**15 328 500**	**28 000**	**15 356 500**
18.	Economic and social development in Africa	151 633 600		
	(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(798 700)	
	(b) Progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall (A/69/359, A/69/415)		125 200	
	(c) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(8 200)	
	Total	**151 633 600**	**(681 700)**	**150 951 900**
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	103 764 400		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(1 248 700)	
	Total	**103 764 400**	**(1 248 700)**	**102 515 700**
20.	Economic development in Europe	71 706 300		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		826 300	
	Total	**71 706 300**	**826 300**	**72 532 600**
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	116 669 900		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(2 619 900)	
	Total	**116 669 900**	**(2 619 900)**	**114 050 000**
22.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	70 471 300		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		1 602 500	
	Total	**70 471 300**	**1 602 500**	**72 073 800**
23.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	58 449 700		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(657 500)	
	Total	**58 449 700**	**(657 500)**	**57 792 200**

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*[a]	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
			(United States dollars)	
24.	Human rights	184 640 800		
	(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		14 723 000	
	(b) Programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent (A/C.5/69/4, A/69/551, resolution 69/16)		796 100	
	(c) Revised estimates from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions (A/69/615, A/69/670)		8 383 900	
	(d) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(162 100)	
	Total	**184 640 800**	**23 740 900**	**208 381 700**
25.	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	91 496 800		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(627 900)	
	Total	**91 496 800**	**(627 900)**	**90 868 900**
26.	Palestine refugees	55 227 500		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		74 900	
	Total	**55 227 500**	**74 900**	**55 302 400**
27.	Humanitarian assistance	31 581 400		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		3 656 800	
	Total	**31 581 400**	**3 656 800**	**35 238 200**
28.	Public information	188 771 300		
	(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		1 065 200	
	(b) Programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent (A/C.5/69/4, A/69/551, resolution 69/16)		88 500	
	(c) Revised estimates from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions (A/69/615, A/69/670)		2 000	
	(d) Organization of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and dates for the meetings of the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda (A/C.5/69/15)		153 200	
	(e) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(300)	
	Total	**188 771 300**	**1 308 600**	**190 079 900**

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		(United States dollars)	
29A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	51 138 200		
First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		59 800	
Total	**51 138 200**	**59 800**	**51 198 000**
29B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	36 762 900		
First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		266 400	
Total	**36 762 900**	**266 400**	**37 029 300**
29C. Office of Human Resources Management	76 236 000		
First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		348 200	
Total	**76 236 000**	**348 200**	**76 584 200**
29D. Office of Central Support Services	192 027 000		
(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		968 200	
(b) Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/69/227, A/69/519)		47 700	
(c) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(100)	
Total	**192 027 000**	**1 015 800**	**193 042 800**
29E. Office of Information and Communications Technology	74 255 300		
First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		197 800	
Total	**74 255 300**	**197 800**	**74 453 100**
29F. Administration, Geneva	154 692 200		
(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		1 099 700	
(b) Revised estimates from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions (A/69/615, A/69/670)		11 200	
(c) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(400)	
Total	**154 692 200**	**1 110 500**	**155 802 700**
29G. Administration, Vienna	40 974 400		
First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(44 600)	
Total	**40 974 400**	**(44 600)**	**40 929 800**

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			(United States dollars)	
29H.	Administration, Nairobi	32 013 500		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(545 600)	
	Total	**32 013 500**	**(545 600)**	**31 467 900**
30.	Internal oversight	40 552 300		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		79 800	
	Total	**40 552 300**	**79 800**	**40 632 100**
31.	Jointly financed administrative activities	11 357 800		
	First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		53 600	
	Total	**11 357 800**	**53 600**	**11 411 400**
32.	Special expenses	143 660 200	–	
	Total	**143 660 200**	**–**	**143 660 200**
33.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	80 709 300		
	(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		(378 800)	
	(b) Progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall (A/69/359, A/69/415)		2 184 000	
	(c) Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva (A/69/417 and Corr.1, A/69/580)		28 199 400	
	(d) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(849 400)	
	Total	**80 709 300**	**29 155 200**	**109 864 500**
34.	Safety and security	241 370 100		
	(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		1 988 300	
	(b) Progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall (A/69/359, A/69/415)		300 800	
	(c) Organization of the United Nations summit for the adoption of the post-2015 development agenda and dates for the meetings of the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the post-2015 development agenda (A/C.5/69/15)		52 900	
	(d) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		39 100	
	Total	**241 370 100**	**2 381 100**	**243 751 200**

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		(United States dollars)		
35.	Development Account	28 398 800	–	
	Total	**28 398 800**	**–**	**28 398 800**
36.	Staff assessment	487 612 000		
	(a) First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612, A/69/661)		8 011 300	
	(b) Administration of justice at the United Nations (A/69/227, A/69/519)		130 300	
	(c) Programme budget implications: programme of activities for the implementation of the International Decade for People of African Descent (A/C.5/69/4, A/69/551, resolution 69/16)		70 300	
	(d) Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or Security Council (A/69/363 and Corr.1-3, A/69/363/Add.1-5, A/69/628)		1 797 800	
	(e) Progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall (A/69/359, A/69/415)		46 200	
	(f) Revised estimates from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions (A/69/615, A/69/670)		174 100	
	(g) Recosting of programme budget implications and revised estimates		(1 200)	
	Total	**487 612 000**	**10 228 800**	**497 840 800**
	Grand total, expenditure estimates	**5 538 551 400**	**115 271 900**	**5 653 823 300**

[a] Including additional programme budget implications (see reports of the Fifth Committee A/68/820 and A/68/917).

9. The Committee also recommended authorization of a commitment authority of $104,582,400 for the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response, to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessment as set out in its resolution 67/238, including income estimates of $2,176,000 that shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955.

10. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered the revised estimates of expenditure and income to be recommended for approval by the General Assembly for the biennium 2014-2015, as well as the financing of the appropriations for the year 2015. The Committee took the following actions in that regard:

(a) Approved the revised budget appropriations for the biennium 2014-2015 (see para. 46, draft resolution II A);

(b) Approved the revised income estimates for the biennium 2014-2015 (see para. 46, draft resolution II B);

(c) Approved the commitment authority and related income estimates for the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (see para. 46, draft resolutions II A and B);

(d) Approved the draft resolution on the financing of the appropriations and commitment authority for the year 2015 (see para. 46, draft resolution II C).

III. Consideration of questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

11. At the resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the representative of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, made a statement withdrawing draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.11.

12. Also at its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December, the Chair of the Committee introduced draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015". The Committee's consideration of sections I to XIII of the draft resolution are described in the following paragraphs under their respective section titles.

Seventh progress report on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations

13. The Committee considered this question at its 4th meeting, on 9 October 2014. It had before it the seventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations (A/69/367), the fourth progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (A/69/155) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/414).

14. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section I of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "International Public Sector Accounting Standards", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Japan. At the same meeting the Committee adopted section I of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. I) without a vote.

Information and communications technology in the United Nations

15. The Committee considered this question at its 17th meeting, on 1 December 2014. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on information and communications technology in the United Nations (A/69/517) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/610).

16. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section II of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Information and communications technology", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Malaysia. At the same meeting the Committee adopted section II of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. II) without a vote.

Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

17. The Committee considered this question at its 16th meeting, on 21 November 2014. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva (A/69/417 and Corr.1), and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/580).

18. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section III of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Guatemala. At the same meeting the Committee adopted section III of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. III) without a vote.

Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

19. The Committee considered this question at its 23rd meeting, on 17 December 2014. It had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on the Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/69/363 and Corr.1-3, A/69/363/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Corr.1, Add.4 and Add.5) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/628).

20. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section IV of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Norway.

21. At the same meeting, the representative of Cuba, on behalf of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), orally proposed an amendment to the draft resolution by which two new preambular paragraphs and two new operative paragraphs would be inserted in section IV, to read:

> "*Recalling* that the General Assembly has not decided on the concept of responsibility to protect, its scope, implications and possible ways of implementation,
>
> "*Noting* that the estimates of thematic cluster I comprise narratives, functions, expected accomplishments, indicators of achievements, outputs and other information related to the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Responsibility to Protect,
>
> "*Decides* to delete all references to the activities and outputs related to the responsibility to protect, as contained in the strategic framework and the related narratives of the Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide (see A/69/363/Add.1);
>
> "*Requests* the Secretary-General to issue a corrigendum to his report (A/69/363/Add.1);"

22. Also at the resumed 27th meeting, the representative of the Netherlands requested a recorded vote on the oral amendment proposed by the representative of Cuba. The representative of Italy, on behalf of the European Union, and the representative of Rwanda made statements in explanation of vote before the vote (see A/C.5/69/SR.27/Add.1).

23. At the same meeting, the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Nicaragua made statements in support of the proposed oral amendment (see A/C.5/69/SR.27/Add.1).

24. Also at the same meeting, the Committee rejected the proposed amendment to section IV of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26 by a recorded vote of 80 to 15, with 60 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Lao People's Democratic Republic, Namibia, Nicaragua, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Against:[1]

Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Chile, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kiribati, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Rwanda, San Marino, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Sudan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Uruguay.

Abstaining:

Algeria, Angola, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Yemen.

25. Also at the resumed 27th meeting, the representative of Cuba, on behalf of Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), called for a separate recorded vote on section IV of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26.

[1] The delegation of the Congo subsequently indicated that it had intended to abstain.

26. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section IV of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26 by a recorded vote of 141 to 10, with 8 abstentions. The voting was as follows:

In favour:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Niger, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, South Sudan, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia.

Against:[2]

Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Cuba, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Ecuador, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Nicaragua, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of).

Abstaining:[3]

Bangladesh, Central African Republic, Libya, Mauritania, Nigeria, Senegal, Thailand, Zimbabwe.

27. The table below reflects amounts approved by the General Assembly for 2015 in respect of special political missions.

[2] The delegation of the Sudan subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote in favour.

[3] The delegations of Libya and Mauritania subsequently indicated that it had intended to vote in favour.

(Thousands of United States dollars)

	Amount approved for 2015	*Net additional appropriation for 2015*
I. Thematic cluster I: special and personal envoys, special advisers and personal representatives of the Secretary-General		
1. Special Envoy to the Secretary-General on Myanmar	1 161.0	977.7
2. Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Cyprus	3 139.2	2 726.9
3. Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on the prevention of Genocide	2 171.0	1 909.2
4. Personal Envoy of the Secretary-General for Western Sahara	586.8	501.7
5. Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the implementation of Security Council resolution 1559 (2004)	654.3	510.7
6. United Nations Representative to the Geneva International Discussions	2 042.6	1 957.2
7. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria	10 877.7	9 384.2
8. Office of the Special Envoy for the Sudan and South Sudan	1 328.5	1 001.1
9. Office of the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Yemen	5 352.3	5 182.4
10. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel	3 987.7	3 519.9
11. Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Great Lakes region	4 550.1	4 784.4
Subtotal I	**35 851.2**	**32 455.4**
II. Thematic cluster II: sanctions monitoring teams, groups and panels		
12. Monitoring Group on Somalia and Eritrea	2 406.6	2 357.2
13. Panel of Experts on Liberia	314.0	103.3
14. Group of Experts on Côte d'Ivoire	1 282.5	1 179.6
15. Group of Experts on the Democratic Republic of the Congo	1 364.7	1 274.8
16. Panel of Experts on the Sudan	1 468.1	1 456.5
17. Panel of Experts on the Democratic People's Republic of Korea	2 729.6	2 635.9
18. Panel of Experts on the Islamic Republic of Iran	2 782.2	2 776.4
19. Panel of Experts on Libya	1 593.2	1 825.4
20. Panel of Experts on the Central African Republic	1 519.6	1 266.2
21. Panel of Experts on Yemen	2 609.3	2 646.0
22. Analytical Support and Sanctions Monitoring Team established pursuant to Security Council resolution 1526 (2004) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities	4 496.1	4 553.1
23. Support to the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004)	3 102.0	3 088.7
24. Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate	9 322.0	9 536.1
Subtotal II	**34 989.9**	**34 699.2**
III. Thematic cluster III: political offices peacebuilding support offices and integrated offices		
25. United Nations Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for West Africa (UNOWA)	10 211.0	10 333.3
26. United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNIOGBIS)	20 676.6	18 867.4

	Amount approved for 2015	*Net additional appropriation for 2015*
27. United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia (UNSOM)	82 329.6	83 260.4
28. United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia (UNRCCA)	2 910.4	2 910.4
29. United Nations support to the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission (CNMC)	4 953.4	4 778.3
30. United Nations Electoral Observer Mission in Burundi (MENUB) (1)	11 697.9	11 697.9
31. Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon (UNSCOL)	8 359.6	7 917.7
32. United Nations Office in Central Africa (UNOCA)	5 727.9	5 425.0
Subtotal III	**146 866.4**	**145 190.4**
IV. United Nations Assistance Mission		
33. United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq (UNAMI)	136 156.8	140 569.0
Subtotal IV	**136 156.8**	**140 569.0**
Total	**353 864.3**	**352 914.0**
Special political missions for which a 6-month interim funding is approved for 2015		
34. United Nations Support Mission in Libya (UNSMIL)	31 430.3	24 860.1
35. United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA)	94 968.0	93 539.5
Total 6-month interim funding	**126 398.3**	**118 399.6**
Special political missions discontinued in 2015		
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in the Central African Republic (BINUCA)	–	(3 263.1)
United Nations Integrated Peacebuilding Office in Sierra Leone (UNIPSIL)	–	(1 055.7)
United Nations Office in Burundi (BNUB)	–	(399.5)
Special Coordinator for the Joint Mission of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons and the United Nations (OPCW-UN)	–	1 701.3
Discontinued special political missions, total	**–**	**(3 017.0)**
Total (net of staff assessment)	**480 262.6**	**468 296.6**
Less: charge against the undistributed balance in the provision for special political missions (operative para. 19 of sect. IV of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26)		(435 094.0)
Less: appropriation approved in the context of the first performance report on the programme budget for 2014-2015 (see A/69/612, table 3)		(1 701.3)
Net additional appropriation (operative para. 20 of sect. IV of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26)		**31 501.3**
Staff assessment (operative para. 21 of sect. IV of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26)		**1 797.8**
Additional appropriation (including staff assessment)		**33 299.1**

Progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall

28. The Committee considered this question at its 5th meeting, on 14 October 2014. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall, and revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and section 34, Safety and security (A/69/359) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/415).

29. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section V of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Finland. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section V of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. V) without a vote.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2014 session

30. The Committee considered this question at its 17th meeting, on 1 December 2014. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2014 session (A/69/535) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/609).

31. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section VI of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2014 session", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of India. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section VI of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. VI) without a vote.

Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2014 to 2034

32. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section VII of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2014 to 2034", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Finland. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section VII of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. VII) without a vote.

Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions

33. The Committee considered this question at its 24th meeting, on 18 December 2014. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates

resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions (A/69/615) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/670).

34. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section VIII of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of India. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section VIII of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. VIII) without a vote.

Revised estimates resulting from the requests contained in General Assembly resolution 69/2, entitled "Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples"

35. The Committee considered this question at its 22nd meeting, on 16 December 2014. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the requests contained in General Assembly resolution 69/2, entitled "Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples" (A/69/521), and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/657).

36. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Chair of the Committee considered section IX of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of India. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section IX of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. IX) without a vote.

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 on the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response

37. The Committee considered this question at its 25th meeting, on 18 December 2014. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 under sections 5, Peacekeeping operations, 8, Legal affairs, 27, Humanitarian assistance, 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, 29C, Office of Human Resources Management, 29D, Office of Central Support Services, 34, Safety and security, and 45, Staff assessment, on the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (A/69/590 and Corr.1) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/660).

38. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section X of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 under sections 5, Peacekeeping operations, 8, Legal affairs, 27, Humanitarian assistance, 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, 29C, Office of Human Resources Management,

29D, Office of Central Support Services, 34, Safety and security, and 36, Staff assessment, on the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of India. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section X of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. X) without a vote.

Financial implications relating to the administration of justice at the United Nations

39. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section XI of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Financial implications relating to the administration of justice at the United Nations", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Australia. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section XI of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. XI) without a vote.

First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

40. The Committee considered this question at its 23rd meeting, on 17 December 2014. It had before it the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 (A/69/612) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/69/661).

41. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section XII of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015", following informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Sweden. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section XII of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. XII) without a vote.

Contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates

42. The Committee considered this question at its 25th meeting, on 18 December 2014. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the contingency fund: consolidated statement of programme budget implications and revised estimates (A/C.5/69/16) and the oral statement by the Chair of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.[4]

43. At its resumed 27th meeting, on 29 December 2014, the Committee considered section XIII of draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26, entitled "Contingency fund". At the same meeting, the Committee adopted section XIII of the draft resolution (see para. 46, draft resolution I, sect. XIII) without a vote.

44. Also at its resumed 27th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/69/L.26 as a whole without a vote (see para. 46, draft resolution I).

45. After the adoption of the draft resolution as a whole, the representative of Sri Lanka made a statement (see A/C.5/69/SR.27/Add.1).

[4] See A/C.5/69/SR.25.

IV. Recommendations of the Fifth Committee

46. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Questions relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly,

I
International Public Sector Accounting Standards

Recalling section IV of its resolution 60/283 of 7 July 2006, section V of its resolution 63/262 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243 of 24 December 2009, its resolution 65/243 A and section II.B of its resolution 65/259 of 24 December 2010, section I of its resolution 66/232 B of 21 June 2012, its resolution 66/246 and sections II and V of its resolution 66/247 of 24 December 2011, section IV of its resolution 67/246 of 24 December 2012 and section II of its resolution 68/247 A of 27 December 2013,

Having considered the seventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations,[1] the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards[2] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[3]

1. *Takes note* of the seventh progress report of the Secretary-General on the adoption of International Public Sector Accounting Standards by the United Nations[1] and the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the fourth progress report of the Board of Auditors on the implementation of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;[2]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[3]

3. *Accepts* the fourth progress report of the Board of Auditors;

4. *Approves* the recommendations of the Board of Auditors contained in its report;

5. *Welcomes* the progress made in the development of the benefit realization plan, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General, in the context of future progress reports, to include information related to capturing the quantitative and qualitative benefits across fifteen key categories relating to the five key strategic benefits originally envisaged as resulting from the adoption of the International Public Sector Accounting Standards;

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[1] A/69/367.
[2] A/69/155.
[3] A/69/414.

II
Information and communications technology in the United Nations

Recalling section II of its resolution 60/283, its resolutions 63/262, 63/269 of 7 April 2009 and 64/243, section XVII of its resolution 65/259, its resolution 66/246 and section I of its resolution 67/254 A of 12 April 2013,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on information and communications technology in the United Nations[4] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5]

Stressing the need to harness the potential of information and communications technology to support the work of the United Nations in the areas of peace and security, development, human rights and international law,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[4]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[5] subject to the conclusions and recommendations contained in the present resolution;

3. *Underlines* the importance of information and communications technology in meeting the growing demands of the Organization as it becomes increasingly reliant on its information and communications technology infrastructure;

4. *Also underlines* the importance of information and communications technology in strengthening oversight and accountability and in increasing the availability of accurate and timely information to support decision-making;

5. *Recognizes* the important role played by information and communications technology in facilitating efficient and effective deliberations within intergovernmental bodies, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Information and Communications Technology collaboration with the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in order that they may continue their efforts to address relevant issues, as appropriate;

6. *Welcomes* the new information and communications technology strategy in the United Nations, as contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

7. *Recalls* paragraphs 22 and 64 of the report of the Advisory Committee, endorses all the elements of the proposed information and communications technology strategy, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure its implementation, taking into account the comments, observations and recommendations of the Board of Auditors and of the Advisory Committee, subject to future decisions of the General Assembly;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide, at its seventieth session, detailed information on the implementation of all the elements of the proposed new strategy, including an implementation plan, with clear timeline, a list of strategic information and communications technology goals linked to the overall goals of the Organization, a list of ongoing and future strategic information and communications

[4] A/69/517.
[5] A/69/610.

technology initiatives supporting those goals and their costs, benchmarks and deliverables to measure their performance, expected benefits and risks as well as an indicative five-year overall information and communications technology budget projection for the Secretariat;

9. *Recalls* paragraph 34 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to reduce the level of fragmentation of the current information and communications technology environment across the Secretariat and at all duty stations and field missions;

10. *Notes* the ongoing reform and initiatives by the Office of Information and Communications Technology that aim to support the work of the Organization, and in this regard emphasizes the need for the Office to continue its efforts, with the aim of facilitating the work of the Organization and its support to Member States, including through the provision of relevant services to delegates at all main duty stations, as appropriate;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as chairman of the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination, to invite heads of United Nations entities to consider the possible harmonization and sharing of services as well as the related costs of information and communications technology, as appropriate, in particular at field locations, and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

12. *Underlines* the importance of strong and accountable management of information security, and recognizes the need to ensure central control of information security, and the Chief Information Technology Officer as the central authority for information security;

13. *Recalls* paragraph 23 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventieth session a progress report on the status of the ten-point action plan to strengthen information security, as well as the actions taken to fully address the mandates specified in its resolution 68/247 A;

14. *Acknowledges* that the lack of effective governance and leadership in the area of information and communications technology has resulted in a high level of duplication and fragmentation of the information and communications technology functions within the Secretariat;

15. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to foster deeper coordination and collaboration within the Organization, and emphasizes that the full support and commitment of senior management, as well as close and continuous engagement with all stakeholders, keeping in mind the need to address all operational requirements, is integral to the successful implementation of the information and communications technology strategy;

16. *Recalls* its resolution 63/262, and acknowledges the responsibilities and the importance of the strong central leadership of the Chief Information Technology Officer for the overall direction and performance of information and communications technology activities within the Organization, and in this regard emphasizes the need for appropriate delegation of authority and procedures for ensuring compliance with the revised information and communications technology

strategy guidelines on, inter alia, operations, security, investment and oversight at United Nations offices, in particular those related to the field;

17. *Requests* the Advisory Committee to request the Board of Auditors to expand coverage of its audit of the information and communications technology expenditures of all entities of the Secretariat, main duty stations, peacekeeping operations and other field-based offices and to report thereon in the context of future reports of the Board;

18. *Recalls* paragraph 43 of the report of the Advisory Committee, requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all entities of the Secretariat report to the Chief Information Technology Officer on all issues relating to information and communications technology activities, resource management, standards, security, architecture, policies and guidance, and also requests the Secretary-General to provide, at its seventieth session, a progress report on lessons learned in this regard, for its consideration;

III
Strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva

Recalling section XI of its resolution 64/243, section VII of its resolution 66/247 and section V of its resolution 68/247 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the strategic heritage plan of the United Nations Office at Geneva[6] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[6]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[7] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Welcomes* the continued support of the Government of Switzerland for the construction project in Geneva;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide detailed information on measures to expedite the commencement of construction work related to the strategic heritage plan to the General Assembly at its seventieth session;

5. *Reiterates* paragraph 8, section V, of its resolution 68/247 A;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 13 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and reaffirms paragraphs 5 and 6 of section V of its resolution 68/247 A;

7. *Welcomes* the loan package offered by the Government of Switzerland, and notes that both the loan package and other alternative funding mechanisms will be discussed in the context of the financing scheme at the main part of its seventieth session;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 29 of section V of its resolution 68/247 A and paragraph 63 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to negotiate with the host country on the most preferential terms

[6] A/69/417 and Corr.1.

[7] A/69/580.

and modalities for the loan arrangements for both the renovation and the construction portions of the strategic heritage plan and to report thereon at the main part of its seventieth session;

9. *Also recalls* paragraph 69 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to continue to explore all possible alternative funding mechanisms in order to reduce the overall assessment on Member States and to report on concrete steps taken in this regard at the main part of its seventieth session;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to explore the possibility of attracting additional United Nations entities to be accommodated at the renovated Palais des Nations and to report thereon in his next progress report;

11. *Recalls* paragraph 78 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to explore the feasibility and ways of factoring future rental income into a comprehensive plan for the financing of the strategic heritage plan;

12. *Stresses* the importance of ensuring effective governance and oversight with respect to the implementation of the strategic heritage plan at the earliest stages of the project;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present revised proposals with regard to the governance and oversight framework, with a view to ensuring effective oversight at the earliest stages of the project, and to include more detailed information on the scope, composition, technical expertise and decision-making mechanisms as well as the functional arrangements of the Steering Committee and the Advisory Board in the context of his next progress report;

14. *Emphasizes* that the Advisory Board shall be independent and impartial, with its membership reflecting a wide geographical representation while ensuring that the required expertise is ensured;

15. *Also emphasizes* the importance of ensuring integrated and independent project assurance for the strategic heritage plan;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present a proposal for the donation policy for the consideration of the General Assembly no later than at the main part of its seventieth session;

17. *Stresses* that the proposal for the donation policy should not be restrictive and that it should be in full conformity with the international and intergovernmental character of the Organization, as well as with the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations[8] and without prejudice to the scope, specifications and design of the project;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that works of art, masterpieces and other gifts are handled appropriately during the design and renovation stages of the strategic heritage plan at the Palais des Nations, and also, requests him to cooperate with those Member States that wish to take care of their gifts of works of art, masterpieces and other items;

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[8] ST/SGB/2013/4.

19. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that implementation of the strategic heritage plan takes into account measures to eliminate physical, communications and technical barriers to persons with disabilities, in particular regarding improvement of the conference facilities, with full respect for the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[9] and to report on this subject in future annual progress reports;

20. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to follow up with the relevant authorities in the host country on the application of construction standards, including the revision of earthquake safety codes, and to report thereon in the context of his next progress report;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that any revision to earthquake safety codes does not lead to cost escalation of the project;

22. *Emphasizes* the importance of achieving all the key objectives of the strategic heritage plan, and in this regard encourages the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to preserve the heritage and architectural integrity of the Palais des Nations throughout all phases of the project;

23. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to assess the potential for flexible workplace strategies in the context of the strategic heritage plan, subject to a decision by the General Assembly on this matter;

24. *Also encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to explore the possibilities for the re-use of the existing furniture and to report thereon in the context of future progress reports;

25. *Decides* to establish seven new positions comprising three project team positions and four operational experts, effective 1 January 2015;

26. *Reaffirms* that the project team is a time-limited and mission-specific endeavour and that the team should therefore not be a permanent addition to the existing structure of the Organization;

27. *Decides* to appropriate an additional amount of 26,112,600 Swiss francs, or 28,199,400 United States dollars, at initial 2014-2015 appropriation rates, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

28. *Also decides* to revert to the establishment of the multi-year special account for the strategic heritage plan at the main part of the seventieth session of the General Assembly;

IV
Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council

Recalling section VI of its resolution 68/247 A, its resolutions 68/248 A and C of 27 December 2013, section II of its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014 and its resolution 68/280 of 30 June 2014,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized

[9] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.

by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council[10] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[11]

1. *Takes note* of the reports of the Secretary-General;[10]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[11] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Takes note* of paragraphs 18 (b), 80, 93, 142 (a), 142 (d) and 211 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

4. *Recalls* paragraph 132 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to establish the post of Medical Officer (United Nations Volunteer) at the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia;

5. *Takes note* of paragraph 142 (f) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides on a vacancy rate of 25 per cent for the international staff, National Professional Officer, Local level and United Nations Volunteer categories for the United Nations Electoral Observer Mission in Burundi;

6. *Also takes note* of paragraph 153 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides on a reduction in the resources proposed by the Secretary-General for the Cameroon-Nigeria Mixed Commission from eight civilian observers to seven;

7. *Further takes note* of paragraph 91 (a) of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides on a vacancy rate of 40 per cent for the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Syria;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 53 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and emphasizes the importance of the alignment between the current arrangements being deployed under the global field support strategy and the pending global service delivery model being presented to the General Assembly for its consideration;

9. *Also recalls* paragraph 38 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and expresses support for the efforts of the Secretary-General to ensure the safety and security of United Nations personnel and premises;

10. *Further recalls* paragraph 48 of the report of the Advisory Committee, underlines the importance of United Nations mediation activities and the need to maintain the operational readiness of the Organization to implement and support mediation efforts, including the flexible use of the rapid response capacity, and requests the Secretary-General to consider all funding options, including the existing ones;

11. *Emphasizes* that the United Nations Office to the African Union and the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sudan and South Sudan are separate entities with dedicated responsibilities, notes that the current joint leadership arrangement needs to be reviewed, and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to appoint expeditiously the special representative and head of the office and to report thereon at the main part of its seventieth session;

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[10] A/69/363 and Corr.1-3 and A/69/363/Add.1, Add.2, Add.3 and Corr.1, Add.4 and Add.5.

[11] A/69/628.

12. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of its resolution 68/280, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the leadership arrangement of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for the Sahel under review and to report thereon to the General Assembly at the main part of its seventieth session;

13. *Takes note* of paragraph 109 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve the proposed establishment of the two new positions at the P-4 and P-3 levels in the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate and the proposed reclassification of the P-2 position to the P-3 level;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 138 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and notes that proficiency in the Russian language is desirable for the post of the Special Representative for the United Nations Regional Centre for Preventive Diplomacy for Central Asia;

15. *Takes note* of paragraphs 146 and 148 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to approve 808,400 dollars for consultants at the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia;

16. *Also takes note* of paragraph 158 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and decides to apply a 50 per cent reduction in the level of resources proposed under official travel to workshops and training for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia;

17. *Recalls* paragraph 197 of the report of the Advisory Committee, encourages the Secretary-General to undertake more robust efforts to strengthen the national staffing component, whenever appropriate, by nationalizing positions, considering the availability of qualified individuals in the local labour market, and requests the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq to nationalize eight international positions;

18. *Approves* budgets totalling 480,262,600 dollars for the thirty-five special political missions authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council listed in table 6 of the report of the Secretary-General;[12]

19. *Also approves* a charge totalling 435,094,000 dollars net, corresponding to the undistributed balance in the provision for special political missions for the biennium 2014-2015;

20. *Decides* to appropriate, under the procedures provided for in paragraph 11 of annex I to resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, an amount of 31,501,300 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, after taking into account the unspent balance of 11,966,000 dollars against the amounts approved for 2014;

21. *Also decides* to appropriate an amount of 1,797,800 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

[12] A/69/363/Corr.2.

V

Progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa and proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall

Recalling its resolution 56/270 of 27 March 2002, section IV of its resolution 58/272 of 23 December 2003, sections IX and X of its resolution 62/238 of 22 December 2007, section I of its resolution 63/263 of 24 December 2008, its resolution 64/243 A, section III of its resolution 65/259, section VII of its resolution 66/247, section II of its resolution 67/246 and section III of its resolution 68/247 A,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress in the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, proposals for the renovation of conference facilities, including Africa Hall, and revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, and section 34, Safety and security,[13] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[14]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[13]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[14] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Notes with appreciation* the continued efforts of the Government of Ethiopia, as the host country, in facilitating the construction of additional office facilities at the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa;

4. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to include local knowledge and capacity throughout the implementation of the construction projects, as appropriate;

5. *Recalls* paragraph 5 of section VII of resolution 66/247 and paragraph 14 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts and bring this matter to a swift conclusion, and to provide an update in his next progress report;

6. *Acknowledges* the successful substantial completion of the construction of additional office facilities, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure the completion of the remaining ancillary work by June 2015;

7. *Notes with concern* the continued deterioration of Africa Hall at the Economic Commission for Africa, as presented in the report of the Secretary-General;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure robust internal project-control mechanisms in the context of the scope, cost, schedule and quality of the Africa Hall renovation project;

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[13] A/69/359.

[14] A/69/415.

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take appropriate measures to mitigate potential risks so as to ensure that the Africa Hall renovation project is monitored closely in order to avoid any further delay;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure full accountability for the delays in the Africa Hall renovation project at the Economic Commission for Africa and to include that information in his next annual progress report;

11. *Re-emphasizes* the importance of guidance, interaction and coordination between the United Nations Secretariat in New York, on the one hand, and the Economic Commission for Africa in Addis Ababa, on the other, with clear reporting lines;

12. *Recalls* paragraphs 20, 34 and 35 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly detailed information on expenditure and total costs estimates of the Africa Hall renovation project;

13. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to seek voluntary contributions, for the Africa Hall renovation project and to report to the General Assembly on the progress at the main part of its seventieth session;

14. *Recalls* paragraph 37 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard looks forward to receiving updates on the study in the next progress report;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to explore additional means to increase the utilization of the conference centre at the Economic Commission for Africa, including with its partners, such as the African Union, and to report thereon, including on the impact of the initiatives of the Commission, to the General Assembly at its seventieth session;

16. *Takes note* of paragraph 12 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

17. *Decides* to make a final decision on the establishment of a separate and multi-year account for the renovation of Africa Hall at the Economic Commission for Africa at its seventieth session in the context of its consideration of the budget proposal;

18. *Also decides* to appropriate an additional amount of 2,610,000 dollars net, before recosting, comprising amounts, under section 18, Economic and social development in Africa, of 125,200 dollars, under section 33, Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance, of 2,184,000 dollars, under section 34, Safety and security, of 300,800 dollars and 46,200 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

19. *Emphasizes* the need for Office for Internal Oversight Services to continue to provide oversight of the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa, in particular the renovation of Africa Hall, and to continue to include information on key findings in the context of the annual reports of its activities;

20. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in the context of the annual progress report on the construction projects at the Economic Commission for Africa, to

include information on progress related to the implementation of the Africa Hall renovation project;

21. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to update Member States, through the Office of Central Support Services, on the progress of the construction projects;

VI
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2014 session

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council during its 2014 session,[15] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[16]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[15]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[16] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Recalls* paragraph 9 of the report of the Advisory Committee, notes the consideration of the cost-sharing arrangement by the General Assembly, and looks forward to receiving all relevant information on the resource requirements for the United Nations share in the arrangement in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017;

VII
Study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2014 to 2034

Recalling its resolution 60/282 of 30 June 2006, section III of its resolution 67/254 A and its decision 68/549 B of 9 April 2014,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the study on the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters for the period from 2014 to 2034[17] as well as the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[18]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[17]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[18] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Recognizes* the need to resolve the long-term accommodation needs of the Organization, and identifies four viable options, namely options 1, 2, 3 and 4 presented in the report of the Secretary-General, or a combination of any of those options;

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[15] A/69/535.
[16] A/69/609.
[17] A/68/734.
[18] A/68/798.

4. *Recalls* paragraph 10 of section III of its resolution 67/254 A, and requests the Secretary-General to present, at the main part of its seventieth session, comprehensive information on all aspects pertinent to option 3, which, subject to additional information to be provided, appears to be a very feasible and serious option;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure equal treatment of all viable options identified in the present resolution and to work towards securing the most favourable terms for the Organization in addressing its long-term accommodation needs;

6. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to conduct high-level dialogue with all relevant entities regarding the long-term accommodation needs for United Nations Headquarters, and decides that these consultations on all options shall not represent a commitment by the Organization and shall be without prejudice to any future decision by the General Assembly;

7. *Recalls* paragraph 7 of section III of its resolution 67/254 A, and requests the Secretary-General to provide updated comprehensive information on the four viable options identified in the present resolution at its seventieth session, in particular:

(a) Financial costs and accurate cost projections related to a building on the North Lawn, funded through a special assessment, including the projected United Nations space accommodation and design requirements;

(b) Financial costs, availability of third-party financing and accurate cost projections related to a building on the North Lawn, including the projected United Nations space accommodation and design requirements;

(c) Financial costs on the basis of a preliminary credit rating issuance, proposed lease terms and accurate cost projections related to the United Nations Consolidation Building, including projected United Nations space accommodation and design requirements;

(d) Financial costs and accurate cost projections related to continuing commercial lease arrangements;

(e) Any other relevant issues, including the cost of exploring each option;

8. *Affirms* that nothing in the present resolution shall incur financial or legal obligations for the United Nations in relation to the United Nations Consolidation Building or any other option for the long-term accommodation needs of the Organization;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure effective oversight and audit coverage in all phases of the project;

10. *Recalls* paragraph 16 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and, without prejudice to a decision it may take on the implementation of a flexible workplace strategy, requests the Secretary-General to pursue further analysis in order to obtain statistically substantiated estimations of the impact that the implementation of a flexible workplace strategy would have on the projection of the office space requirements;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General, without prejudice to any decision it may take on the new global service delivery model, to inform the General Assembly of the possible impact that the implementation of Umoja and the new global service delivery model could have in terms of the number, skills and location of staff, as this can be of capital importance for the planning of future office space requirements;

12. *Recalls* paragraph 4 of section III of its resolution 67/254 A, and underlines the need to respect the architectural integrity of the United Nations complex and of the original design of the Board of Design Consultants in considering the long-term accommodation needs at United Nations Headquarters;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include, as appropriate and within the scope of his reports on the strategic capital review and the global service delivery model, information concerning the long-term accommodation needs for United Nations offices away from Headquarters, including in Nairobi, Vienna and Geneva and for the regional commissions;

VIII
Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh sessions, and its twenty-first and twenty-second special sessions,[19] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[20]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[19]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[20]

3. *Approves* an additional appropriation in the amount of 11,705,800 dollars (net), including 3,308,700 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, 8,383,900 dollars under section 24, Human rights, 2,000 dollars under section 28, Public information, and 11,200 dollars under section 29F, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015; in addition, an amount of 174,100 dollars will be required under section 36, Staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment;

4. *Also approves* the establishment, as from 1 January 2015, of nine new posts (1 P-5, 1 P-4 and 7 P-3) under section 24, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015.

[19] A/69/615.

[20] A/69/670.

IX

Revised estimates resulting from the requests contained in General Assembly resolution 69/2, entitled "Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples"

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on revised estimates resulting from the requests contained in General Assembly resolution 69/2 of 22 September 2014 entitled "Outcome document of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly known as the World Conference on Indigenous Peoples",[21] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[22]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[21]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[22]

3. *Decides* to appropriate resources in the amount of 101,800 dollars under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015, representing a charge against the contingency fund;

X

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 on the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015 under sections 5, Peacekeeping operations, 8, Legal affairs, 27, Humanitarian assistance, 29B, Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts, 29C, Office of Human Resources Management, 29D, Office of Central Support Services, 34, Safety and security, and 36, Staff assessment on the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response,[23] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[24]

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[23]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[24] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Expresses gratitude* for the efforts of the Secretary-General and other actors in tackling the crisis caused by the Ebola outbreak and for the dedicated service and commitment of the personnel of the United Nations system who are engaged in the effort to combat the spread of the Ebola virus disease;

4. *Encourages* greater emphasis on reallocating resources and activities from the headquarters of the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response to the front line in order to achieve maximum impact on the ground;

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[21] A/69/521.

[22] A/69/657.

[23] A/69/590 and Corr.1.

[24] A/69/660.

5. *Also encourages* the Mission to make maximum use of existing United Nations assets and capabilities in the region;

6. *Regrets* that the proposed staffing structure appears to be large, with a number of positions at high levels, and requests the Secretary-General to review, in the context of the next budget proposal, the staffing requirements of both the Mission and the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola, with a view to ensuring that the staffing structure is commensurate with their mandates and that the financial resources are concentrated on operational activities;

7. *Takes note* of paragraphs 60, 61, 62 and 68 of the report of the Advisory Committee;

8. *Recalls* paragraph 36 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to provide detailed information on the coordination role of the Mission with regard to the United Nations system-wide Ebola response effort in the context of his next budget report;

9. *Also recalls* paragraph 64 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and in this regard requests the Secretary-General to provide the requested information in the context of his next budget report;

10. *Authorizes* the Secretary-General to enter into commitments in the amount of 104,582,400 dollars, inclusive of the amount of 49,943,600 dollars authorized by its resolution 69/3 of 9 October 2014 for the biennium 2014-2015, to provide for the requirements of the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response for the period from 19 September 2014 to 30 June 2015, pending the submission of a detailed budget at the second part of the resumed sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, and decides to assess the amount of 104,582,400 dollars;

XI
Financial implications relating to the administration of justice at the United Nations

Recalling its resolution 69/203 of 18 December 2014 on the administration of justice at the United Nations,

Decides to approve an additional amount of 2,591,400 dollars gross, 2,461,100 dollars net, before recosting, reflecting an increase under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of 2,413,400 dollars, under section 29D, Office of Central Support Services, of 47,700 dollars, and of 130,300 dollars under section 36, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

XII
First performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

Having considered the first performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015[25] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[26]

[25] A/69/612.
[26] A/69/661.

Recalling its resolutions 68/248 A and B of 27 December 2013, 68/247 B 2014 and 68/280,

1. *Reaffirms* the budgetary process as approved in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987 and reaffirmed in subsequent resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the first performance report of the Secretary-General;[25]

3. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[26]

4. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters, and urges the Secretary-General to ensure that information is provided in a timely manner and as required, with regard to potential programme budget implications arising from resolutions of the Main Committees or the plenary of the General Assembly, as well as from initiatives discussed in subsidiary organs, in order to enable a fully informed decision-making process;

5. *Urges* the Secretary-General to ensure that oral statements detailing resource requirements are presented to the General Assembly in a timely manner before the adoption of substantive resolutions, in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly, and to provide information on the full scope of additional resources needed;

6. *Recalls* paragraph 18 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests that the Secretary-General provide a comprehensive assessment of the experience of forward purchasing of foreign currencies in the context of the second performance report on the programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the recent experience of the utilization of the contingency fund in all its relevant aspects and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its seventieth session;

8. *Affirms its commitment* to consider and decide on the independent study on recosting and options for the Organization in dealing with fluctuations in exchange rates and inflation[27] and its recommendations at the first part of its resumed sixty-ninth session, without precluding other options;

9. *Approves* a net increase of 34,715,300 dollars in the appropriation approved for the biennium 2014-2015 and a net increase of 9,103,200 dollars in the estimates of income for the biennium, to be apportioned among expenditure and income sections as indicated in the report of the Secretary-General;

XIII
Contingency fund

Notes that a balance of 248,900 dollars remains in the contingency fund.

[27] See A/69/381 and A/69/640.

Draft resolutions II A to C
Programme budget for the biennium 2014-2015

A
Revised budget appropriations for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly

1. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2014-2015, the amount of 5,538,551,400 United States dollars appropriated by it in its resolutions 68/248 A to C of 27 December 2013 and 68/247 B of 9 April 2014, and approved in resolutions 68/268 of 9 April 2014 and 68/279 of 30 June 2014, shall be adjusted by budget appropriations of 115,271,900 dollars, as follows:

Section		*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*[a]	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised appropriation*
		(United States dollars)		
	Part I. *Overall policymaking, direction and coordination*			
1.	Overall policymaking, direction and coordination	117 599 800	1 629 500	119 229 300
2.	General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management	664 211 700	9 298 500	673 510 200
	Subtotal	**781 811 500**	**10 928 000**	**792 739 500**
	Part II. *Political affairs*			
3.	Political affairs	1 197 957 200	34 702 500	1 232 659 700
4.	Disarmament	24 729 600	650 100	25 379 700
5.	Peacekeeping operations	113 454 400	(498 200)	112 956 200
6.	Peaceful uses of outer space	8 160 600	(1 000)	8 159 600
	Subtotal	**1 344 301 800**	**34 853 400**	**1 379 155 200**
	Part III. *International justice and law*			
7.	International Court of Justice	52 344 800	(941 700)	51 403 100
8.	Legal affairs	47 809 200	177 700	47 986 900
	Subtotal	**100 154 000**	**(764 000)**	**99 390 000**
	Part IV. *International cooperation for development*			
9.	Economic and social affairs	163 049 600	739 400	163 789 000
10.	Least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing States	11 579 100	–	11 579 100
11.	United Nations support for the New Partnership for Africa's Development	17 000 300	10 100	17 010 400
12.	Trade and development	147 132 500	782 800	147 915 300
13.	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	39 913 900	(459 000)	39 454 900
14.	Environment	34 963 500	(452 800)	34 510 700
15.	Human settlements	23 260 700	(130 400)	23 130 300

Section		Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B[a]	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
16.	International drug control, crime and terrorism prevention and criminal justice	43 883 000	55 300	43 938 300
17.	UN-Women	15 328 500	28 000	15 356 500
	Subtotal	**496 111 100**	**573 400**	**496 684 500**
	Part V. *Regional cooperation for development*			
18.	Economic and social development in Africa	151 633 600	(681 700)	150 951 900
19.	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	103 764 400	(1 248 700)	102 515 700
20.	Economic development in Europe	71 706 300	826 300	72 532 600
21.	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	116 669 900	(2 619 900)	114 050 000
22.	Economic and social development in Western Asia	70 471 300	1 602 500	72 073 800
23.	Regular programme of technical cooperation	58 449 700	(657 500)	57 792 200
	Subtotal	**572 695 200**	**(2 779 000)**	**569 916 200**
	Part VI. *Human rights and humanitarian affairs*			
24.	Human rights	184 640 800	23 740 900	208 381 700
25.	International protection, durable solutions and assistance to refugees	91 496 800	(627 900)	90 868 900
26.	Palestine refugees	55 227 500	74 900	55 302 400
27.	Humanitarian assistance	31 581 400	3 656 800	35 238 200
	Subtotal	**362 946 500**	**26 844 700**	**389 791 200**
	Part VII. *Public information*			
28.	Public information	188 771 300	1 308 600	190 079 900
	Subtotal	**188 771 300**	**1 308 600**	**190 079 900**
	Part VIII. *Common support services*			
29A.	Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	51 138 200	59 800	51 198 000
29B.	Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	36 762 900	266 400	37 029 300
29C.	Office of Human Resources Management	76 236 000	348 200	76 584 200
29D.	Office of Central Support Services	192 027 000	1 015 800	193 042 800
29E.	Office of Information and Communications Technology	74 255 300	197 800	74 453 100
29F.	Administration, Geneva	154 692 200	1 110 500	155 802 700
29G.	Administration, Vienna	40 974 400	(44 600)	40 929 800
29H.	Administration, Nairobi	32 013 500	(545 600)	31 467 900
	Subtotal	**658 099 500**	**2 408 300**	**660 507 800**

Section		Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B[a]	Increase (decrease)	Revised appropriation
		(United States dollars)		
	Part IX. *Internal oversight*			
30.	Internal oversight	40 552 300	79 800	40 632 100
	Subtotal	**40 552 300**	**79 800**	**40 632 100**
	Part X. *Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses*			
31.	Jointly financed administrative activities	11 357 800	53 600	11 411 400
32.	Special expenses	143 660 200	–	143 660 200
	Subtotal	**155 018 000**	**53 600**	**155 071 600**
	Part XI. *Capital expenditures*			
33.	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	80 709 300	29 155 200	109 864 500
	Subtotal	**80 709 300**	**29 155 200**	**109 864 500**
	Part XII. *Safety and security*			
34.	Safety and security	241 370 100	2 381 100	243 751 200
	Subtotal	**241 370 100**	**2 381 100**	**243 751 200**
	Part XIII. *Development Account*			
35.	Development Account	28 398 800	–	28 398 800
	Subtotal	**28 398 800**	**–**	**28 398 800**
	Part XIV. *Staff assessment*			
36.	Staff assessment	487 612 000	10 228 800	497 840 800
	Subtotal	**487 612 000**	**10 228 800**	**497 840 800**
	Total	**5 538 551 400**	**115 271 900**	**5 653 823 300**

[a] Including additional programme budget implications (see reports of the Fifth Committee A/68/820 and A/68/917).

2. *Decides* to authorize, in addition to the appropriations approved under paragraph 1 above, a commitment authority of 104,582,400 dollars for the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response to be apportioned among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessment as set out in its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

B

Revised income estimates for the biennium 2014-2015

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the biennium 2014-2015, the estimates of income of 523,925,200 United States dollars approved by it in its resolution 68/248 A to C of 27 December 2013, 68/247 B and 68/268 of 9 April 2014, and 68/279 of 30 June 2014, shall be increased by 11,320,700 United States dollars, as follows:

Income section	*Amount approved in resolutions 68/248 A to C and 68/247 B*[a]	*Increase (decrease)*	*Revised estimates*
	(United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	491 965 800	10 337 500	502 303 300
Total, income section 1	**491 965 800**	**10 337 500**	**502 303 300**
2. General income	31 228 200	6 668 900	37 897 100
3. Services to the public	731 200	(5 685 700)	(4 954 500)
Total, income sections 2 and 3	**31 959 400**	**983 200**	**32 942 600**
Grand total	**523 925 200**	**11 320 700**	**535 245 900**

[a] Including additional programme budget implications (see reports of the Fifth Committee A/68/820 and A/68/917).

Also resolves that, for the biennium 2014-2015, the estimates of income for the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response would amount to 2,176,000 dollars and shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

C

Financing of the appropriations and commitment authority for the year 2015

The General Assembly

Resolves that, for the year 2015:

1. Budget appropriations and commitments totalling 2,993,230,800 United States dollars and consisting of 2,765,174,900, being half of the appropriation initially approved for the biennium 2014-2015 in its resolution 68/248 A of 27 December 2013, the additional amount of 8,201,600 United States dollars for the biennium was appropriated in its resolution 68/247 B of 9 April 2014, and approved in its resolutions 68/268 of 9 April 2014 and 68/279 of 30 June 2014, and 115,271,900 dollars, being the increase approved in resolution A above, and the commitment authority of 104,582,400 dollars for the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response, shall be financed in accordance with regulations 3.1 and 3.2 of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations,[1] as follows:

(a) 16,962,900 dollars consisting of:

(i) 15,979,700 dollars, being half of the estimated income other than staff assessment income approved for the biennium in its resolutions 68/248 B of 27 December 2013, 68/247 B, 68/268 and 68/279 of 30 June 2014;

(ii) 983,200 dollars, being the increase in income other than staff assessment income approved for the biennium in resolution B above;

(b) 2,976,267,900 dollars, being the assessment on Member States in accordance with its resolution 67/238 of 24 December 2012;

2. There shall be set off against the assessment on Member States, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund in the total amount of 262,703,300 dollars, consisting of:

(a) 245,592,800 dollars, being half of the estimated staff assessment income approved by the Assembly in its resolution 68/248 B;

(b) 780,200 dollars, being the estimated increase in income for staff assessment approved by the Assembly in its resolutions 68/247 B, 68/268 and 68/279;

(c) 12,513,500 dollars, being the estimated increase in income from staff assessment approved by the Assembly in resolution B above (inclusive of the income estimates for the Office of the Special Envoy on Ebola and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response);

(d) 3,816,800 dollars, being the increase in income from staff assessment for the biennium 2012-2013, compared with the revised estimates approved by the Assembly in its resolution 68/245 B of 27 December 2013.

[1] ST/SGB/2013/4.

47. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

United Nations Office for Partnerships

The General Assembly takes note of the reports of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Office for Partnerships.[1]

[1] A/67/165 and Corr.1, A/68/186 and A/69/218.